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Andrew & Matt - I am reaching out on behalf of our client, the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, to underscore the UAE's condemnation of Turkish aggression in Syria and support for sanctions measures against Turkey such as the House-passed "Protect Against Conflict by Turkey Act" (H.R. 4695).

Last month, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Anwar Gargash, joined a <https://www.thenational.ae/world/mena/uae-s-gargash-joins-arab-world-in-condemning-turkey-offensive-in-syria-1.921535> in condemning the Turkish offensive as a direct threat to stability and peace in the region. Notably absent from this nearly unanimous condemnation, however, was the state of Qatar which instead has defended Turkey's controversial operation. This past Tuesday, Qatar announced it was doubling down on its support for Turkey amidst scrutiny from Congress (<https://www.reuters.com/article/gulf-qatar-turkey/qatar-turkey-to-scale-up-cooperation-to-a-comprehensive-strategic-partnership-qatar-foreign-ministry-idUSB2N27D01P>), consistent with its \$15 billion investment pledge to Turkey in 2018 intended to undermine newly-initiated U.S. sanctions.

I hope this information is helpful as you continue to monitor developments in Syria, and as the Senate considers potential sanctions measures.

Best regards,

Charlie

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